INDICATORS FOR SUICIDE RISK

Deaths by Suicide

Description of Indicator

Numbers of suicides are reported by community for the year 2003.

Research Base and Relevance to PEI

Reducing suicide risk is a key PEI mental health initiative. The number of completed suicides is important to consider since it may reveal neighborhood effects contributing to an individual's environmental stress. Completed suicides represent failures in the mental health system to identify and adequately treat individuals at risk.

What the Numbers Show

Suicide rates were calculated and standardized to the number of suicides/100,000 residents. Across the county, the suicide rate was 7.0. Data indicated that Service Area 5 had the highest suicide rate (10.6), followed by Service Area 1 (9.9) and Service Area 4 (8.4). By inspection, a few trends were apparent: males were at higher risk than females, Whites and Native Americans were at higher risk than other ethnicities, and older adults were at higher risk than other age groups.

Service Area Communities (Tables 3.48, 3.49)

Service Area 1: Antelope Valley

Service Area 1 data indicated that males had higher suicide rates than females in all communities. Across ethnicities, Whites had the highest suicide rates in all communities. In the Lancaster area, for example, the suicide rate for Whites was five times that for Latinos. Across age groups, Older Adults were at higher risk than all other groups. The Lan-

Table 3.48
Countywide Summary: Suicide Rate

Service Area	Suicides/100k
1	9.9
2	7.7
3	5.4
4	8.4
5	10.2
6	3.8
7	6.5
8	7.3
Total	7.0

caster area (40.2) had one of the highest suicide rates in the county for Older Adults. Additionally, there was a relatively high rate seen for the TAY population (29.4) in the surrounding North County E. area.

Service Area 2: San Fernando

Service Area 2 had an overall suicide rate of 7.7, which was above the countywide rate of 7.0. Summary tables indicate that Whites, Males, Adults, and Older Adults are at most risk for committing suicide. The suicide rates were particularly high for Whites residing in the Panorama City. Other ethnic groups with elevated suicide rates include African-Americans residing within the Brentwood N. area and Asians residing within the La Canada-Flintridge area.

Service Area 3: San Gabriel

Overall, Service Area 3 had a suicide rate of 5.4, which was below the countywide rate of 7.0. Mirroring countywide trends, summary statistics indicated that Whites, Males, and Older Adults were at most risk for committing suicide. Whites (52.6) residing in the La

Puente-S. El Monte area had the highest rates in the service area. Whites also had a relatively high rate in the Monterey Park-Rosemead area (29.8). African-Americans (26.7) were at risk in the Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne area. Adults and Older adults were at risk throughout the service area; seven areas had rates above 10/100,000 for either or both of these groups: the Alhambra-S. Pasadena, Arcadia-San Gabriel-Temple City-San Marino, Baldwin Park-Azusa-Duarte, Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne, Covina-Walnut, and La Puente-S. El Monte areas.

Service Area 4: Metro

Service Area 4 had an overall suicide rate of 8.4, which was above the countywide rate of 7.0. Males, Whites, and Older Adults had the highest suicide rates within their respective categories. The West Hollywood area (39.9) had the highest rate within the gender category. Six areas saw White rates exceeding 25.0 and two areas saw African-American rates exceeding 25.0. Whites in the Pico Heights (92.7) area had the highest suicide rate in any category across the county. Four communities within the service area had overall suicide rates in excess of 50.0. Two of these areas, Pico Heights (77.0) and Hollywood (72.8), had exceptionally high rates (above 70).

Service Area 5: West

Overall Service Area 5 had the highest suicide rate across the County, 10.2. Again, Males, Whites and Older Adults had the highest rates within their respective catego-

ries. Within the Service Area, the highest rates were seen for the older adult population. The Playa Vista area (12.6) had the highest suicide rate within the Service Area followed by the West LA area (11.5) and the Malibu area (10.4).

Service Area 6: South

Service Area 6 had an overall suicide rate of 3.8, which was the lowest seen in the county. Even so, the countywide trends were still evidenced here: the highest suicide rates were found in Males, Whites, Adults, and Older Adults. Whites were most at risk in the USC S. (40.8) and Baldwin Hills S. (49.2) areas, African-Americans were most at risk in the Lynwood area (33.6), and Asians (38.2) in the USC S. area. The USC S. area (8.6) had the highest suicide rate within the service area followed by the Compton area (6.0).

Service Area 7: East

Service Area 7 had an overall suicide rate of 6.5, which was a bit below the countywide rate of 7.0. countywide trends seen in other service areas were also in evidence here. Individuals most at risk for suicide were Males, Whites, and Older Adults across their respective demographic categories. (though the rates for TAY and Adults were fairly close to the Older Adult rate.) The suicide rate was particularly high for Whites in the Montebello area (56.3), followed by the La Mirada-Santa Fe Springs area (33.7), the Downey area (27.3), and the Whittier area (26.9).

Service Area 8: South Bay

Service Area 8 had an overall suicide rate of 7.3, which was about the countywide aver-

 $\label{eq:communities} Table 3.49$ Service Area Communities Summary: Suicide Rate 1,2

	Ger				Ethr	nicity				Age G	roups		
Service Area 1	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Lancaster	19.0	7.1	25.5	5.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	16.7	40.2	12.8
Palmdale	12.8	2.8	21.3	1.3	1	19.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	15.0	0.4	7.7
North County E.	16.4	2.2	10.3	8.3	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.4	6.3	23.9	8.9
Total	15.9	4.2	19.0	3.5	1	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.2	13.3	23.7	9.9
Service Area 2	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Santa Clarita	10.2	4.8	11.2	4.5	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	10.6	4.7	7.6
Burbank	18.6	1.9	13.7	14.2	0	0.0	160.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.6	5.9	10.0
Glendale	16.8	1.0	27.7	11.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	12.0	11.0	9.0
Northridge	12.2	4.6	15.9	2.5	1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	10.8	13.6	8.3
Granada Hills	8.6	6.0	11.8	3.9	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.9	12.2	0.0	7.4
Pacoima-Arleta	10.6	1.7	36.3	4.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	10.1	7.8	6.0
La Tuna Cyn.	10.8	2.9	19.4	4.3	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	9.4	11.7	6.8
Panorama City	8.0	2.9	53.6	2.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	3.0	31.3	5.5
North Hollywood	9.4	1.4	15.9	0.0	0.0	13.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	2.8	26.0	5.2
Sherman Oaks	15.4	3.7	24.5	4.6	20.7	15.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.2	12.7	5.2	9.7
Encino	20.4	7.4	32.5	0.0	0.0	20.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.1	18.2	17.5	14.0
Woodland Hills	11.3	1.3	13.4	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.3	8.0	4.5	6.3
Brentwood N.	16.6	4.5	12.4	17.1	40.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	10.6	17.5	10.3
North County W.	1.0	3.3	1.1	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	4.0	1.5	2.2
La Canada-Flintridge	10.5	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	27.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	15.4	4.9
San Fernando- Calabasas-Agoura	7.0	0.0	2.1	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	4.4	0.9	3.3
Total	12.3	3.2	16.0	4.0	9.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	9.2	10.1	10.9	7.7
Service Area 3	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Pasadena	1.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.0	0.1	0.7
El Monte	6.5	0.0	12.8	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7	7.4	3.6
Pomona	4.0	1.3	18.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	2.7
West Covina	7.0	0.0	11.0	2.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.1	0.0	3.1
Altadena-Monrovia-Sierra Madre	14.0	1.7	14.0	4.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	9.4	17.3	7.5
Alhambra-S. Pasadena	10.6	1.9	4.7	8.1	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.5	0.0	5.9
Arcadia-San Gabriel- Temple City-San Marino Baldwin Park-Azusa-	16.6	0.0	18.0	3.7	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.3	11.4	7.9
Duarte	10.3	1.1	13.9	4.7	0.0	6.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	7.9	14.5	5.6
Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne	18.3	7.6	18.5	6.8	26.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	18.0	17.8	12.8
Covina-Walnut	5.3	1.8	3.5	2.0	17.6	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	1.8	6.1	3.6
Diamond Bar	7.5	1.8	5.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	23.9	4.6
La Puente-S. El Monte	11.3	5.7	52.6	4.9	0.0	14.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.8	13.9	0.0	8.6
Hacienda Heights	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	1.8
Monterey Park-Rosemead	8.1	0.0	29.8	2.5	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	8.6	4.1
Total	9.3	1.7	12.7	3.3	2.6	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.5	7.6	8.6	5.4

		Fe-		La-	Afr-		Am						
Service Area 4	Male	male	White	tino	Am	Asian	Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Wilshire La Brea E.	14.1	7.0	19.9	0.0	11.1	15.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1	12.4	23.2	10.5
Hollywood	16.8	5.8	30.8	1.9	41.5	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	24.3	11.4
Pico Heights	14.2	3.4	92.7	2.8	42.6	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	14.2	8.6	9.0
Echo Park	7.1	4.3	27.0	2.6	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	6.8	15.2	5.8
Highland Park	10.2	1.8	31.9	3.6	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	8.8	9.8	6.0
Downtown	8.5	1.6	20.9	3.6	0.0	15.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	7.1	10.5	5.2
USC N.	10.2	0.0	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	4.9
West Adams	24.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	72.8	0.0	0.0	11.2
West Hollywood	39.9	0.0	35.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	39.7	19.5
Total	12.7	3.8	29.3	2.8	14.1	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	11.3	16.6	8.4
		Fe-		La-	Afr-		Am						
Service Area 5	Male	male	White	tino	Am	Asian	Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Brentwood S.	13.2	7.4	13.8	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.1	4.7	25.9	10.2
West LA	17.8	5.5	18.3	9.3	15.2	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	15.5	17.2	11.5
Wilshire La Brea W.	7.7	0.0	12.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0	3.8
Baldwin Hills W.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Playa Vista	24.1	1.7	18.2	9.0	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	13.7	21.9	12.6
Santa Monica-Culver City- Beverly Hills	16.6	2.3	16.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	8.3	19.3	9.2
Malibu	11.0	9.9	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6	0.0	10.4
Total	16.9	3.9	16.9	6.0	4.3	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.1	11.1	18.7	10.2
Service Area 6	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
USC S.	18.0	0.0	40.8	4.4	12.3	38.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.2	12.5	0.0	8.6
Baldwin Hills S.	8.2	1.4	49.2	0.0	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	9.5	4.5
Hancock N.	4.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	5.7	2.0
USC E.	1.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	15.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	1.6
Watts	4.5	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	1.6	15.8	2.5
Florence-Firestone	4.1	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	2.5	0.0	2.1
Lynwood	5.6	0.0	0.0	1.4	33.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	2.6
Paramount	14.4	0.0	22.2	2.9	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.6	16.8	7.0
Compton	10.9	1.3	0.0	4.9	8.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	7.9	9.6	0.0	6.0
Total	6.9	0.6	23.1	2.2	6.2	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.5	5.9	6.0	3.8

age. As in the other service areas, the South Bay saw similar trends in high-risk populations: Males, Whites, Adults, and Older Adults. Whites had the highest rates of suicide within the Carson area (63.6), Hawthorne area (37.1), Long Beach S. area (30.9), and the Gardena-Lawndale area (28.2). The

Adult and Older Adult population had high suicide rates five service area communities. Of these, the Long Beach E. area (14.3) had the highest community rate followed by the Redondo-Manhattan-Hermosa-El Segundo area (12.1) and the Carson area (11.6). The highest rate seen for Older Adults occurred

Table 3.49 continued Service Area Communities Summary: Suicide Rate

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Service Area 7	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
East LA	9.6	1.5	0.0	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	12.7	5.6	0.0	5.4
Downey	12.2	3.7	27.3	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	12.2	13.8	8.0
Norwalk	9.6	3.8	0.0	6.7	0.0	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	7.8	9.6	6.7
Whittier	15.9	5.0	26.9	6.0	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	20.5	10.3
Montebello Bell Gardens-Bell- Maywood-Cudahy-	9.0	3.1	56.3	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	21.0	4.9	0.0	6.1
Commerce	8.8	0.0	23.0	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2	4.8	10.2	4.3
Huntington Park	17.7	0.0	182.3	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	21.2	8.6	0.0	9.3
South Gate	12.7	1.8	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	14.2	0.0	6.9
Bellflower La Mirada-Santa Fe	5.5	5.1	33.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	25.4	5.3
Springs Lakewood-Cerritos-	2.9	3.2	5.5	1.3	0.0	13.4	0.0	0.0	3.2	5.6	3.2	0.0	3.1
Artesia-Hawaiian Gardens	12.1	3.4	17.0	4.7	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	9.0	16.9	7.6
Signal Hill	8.4	1.6	7.1	6.3	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8	6.8	4.8	5.0
Total	10.2	2.8	18.6	4.7	0.0	4.5	65.3	0.0	1.1	9.0	8.1	9.6	6.5
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Service Area 8	Male	Fe- male	White	La- tino	Afr- Am	Asian	Am Ind	Other	0-15	16-25	26-59	60+	Total
Service Area 8 Hancock S.	Male 3.9		White 0.0			Asian 0.0		Other 0.0	0-15 0.0	16-25 0.0	26-59 2.9	60+ 5.4	Total
		male		tino	Am		Ind						
Hancock S.	3.9	male 0.0	0.0	tino 1.1	Am 3.0	0.0	Ind 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	5.4	1.9
Hancock S. Wilmington	3.9 9.2	0.0 2.3	0.0	tino 1.1 5.5	Am 3.0 0.0	0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 5.6	2.9	5.4 8.7	1.9 5.7
Hancock S. Wilmington Inglewood	3.9 9.2 1.7	male 0.0 2.3 0.0	0.0 9.8 0.0	tino 1.1 5.5 0.0	3.0 0.0 2.2	0.0 6.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 5.6 0.0	2.9 8.1 1.9	5.4 8.7 0.0	1.9 5.7 0.8
Hancock S. Wilmington Inglewood Torrance	3.9 9.2 1.7 10.4	male 0.0 2.3 0.0 5.7	0.0 9.8 0.0	tino 1.1 5.5 0.0 0.0	Am 3.0 0.0 2.2 0.0	0.0 6.0 0.0 7.4	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 5.6 0.0 0.0	2.9 8.1 1.9	5.4 8.7 0.0 11.0	1.9 5.7 0.8 8.0
Hancock S. Wilmington Inglewood Torrance Long Beach N.	3.9 9.2 1.7 10.4 2.7	male 0.0 2.3 0.0 5.7 1.3	0.0 9.8 0.0 13.3 11.5	1.1 5.5 0.0 0.0 0.0	Am 3.0 0.0 2.2 0.0 0.0	0.0 6.0 0.0 7.4 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 5.6 0.0 0.0	2.9 8.1 1.9 11.6 4.2	5.4 8.7 0.0 11.0 0.0	1.9 5.7 0.8 8.0 2.0
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Hancock S. Wilmington Inglewood Torrance Long Beach N. Long Beach S. Long Beach E. Carson Palos Verdes-Lomita	3.9 9.2 1.7 10.4 2.7 11.0 25.0	male 0.0 2.3 0.0 5.7 1.3 5.3 4.6	0.0 9.8 0.0 13.3 11.5 30.9 19.9	tino 1.1 5.5 0.0 0.0 0.0 3.3 5.1	Am 3.0 0.0 2.2 0.0 0.0 6.9 0.0	0.0 6.0 0.0 7.4 0.0 5.5	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	0.0 5.6 0.0 0.0 0.0 5.9 5.7	2.9 8.1 1.9 11.6 4.2 10.8 20.4	5.4 8.7 0.0 11.0 0.0 24.0 16.9	1.9 5.7 0.8 8.0 2.0 8.2
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3. 10-25 25-50 50-100 in the Hawthorne area (45.2). And the highest rate seen for the TAY population occurred in the Redondo-Manhattan-Hermosa-El Segundo area (35.3).

^{1.}Suicides/100,000 for each population

^{2.}Rates exceeding 100 are considered to be statistical anomalies.

Mental Health Emergency Statistics

Description of Indicator

These indicators report on the numbers of phone calls made to the Department of Mental Health's emergency call center, ACCESS, for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Additionally, a Mental Health Emergency Rate (MHE-rate) was calculated and standardized to the number of calls/1000 residents in a given geographic location.

Research Base and Relevance to PEI

While an analysis of call content is not available, suicidal ideology, behaviors, or other self-injurious behaviors are often at the heart of a mental health emergencies. The ACCESS Center identifies risk and dispatches emergency response teams to further evaluate crisis situations. Thus, this indicator provides a measure of individuals in distress in the community, many of whom may be at risk for suicidal behaviors.

What the Numbers Show

Across the county for the reporting period, there were 57,541 calls made to the ACCESS Center requiring consultation and/or action by the county's Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT). An overall MHE-Rate of 5.9 meant that for every 1000 residents, about six emergency calls were placed to the Department of Mental Health. Table 3.50 shows in actual numbers that Service Area 2 was responsible for over 10,000 calls and this is consistent with its place as the largest service area in population across the county.

Service Area Communities: (Tables 3.50, 3.51)

Service Area 1: Antelope Valley Overall, Service Area 1 had the highest MHE-Rate (9.4) for all service areas. The Lan-

caster area not only had one of the highest call counts in the county, but also the second-highest MHE-Rate, 12.4.

Service Area 2: San Fernando

Service Area 2 had the largest number of psychiatric emergency calls placed throughout the county (consistent with its largest population size). However, its MHE-Rate was 5.4, which was below the countywide figure of 5.9. Within the service area, the North Hollywood (1,008) and Sherman Oaks (1,279) areas had the most calls placed and also had the highest MHE-Rates, 7.5 and 7.7, respectively.

Service Area 3: San Gabriel

Overall, Service Area 3 had a MHE-Rate of 5.0, which was below the countywide rate of 5.9. Only one community, the aggregate of Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne, saw the number of psychiatric emergency calls placed exceed 1,000. Otherwise, based upon population, the highest MHE-Rates were found in the El Monte area (7.2), the Altadena-Monrovia-Sierra Madre area (7.0), and the Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne (6.6) area.

Service Area 4: Metro

Service Area 4 had an overall MHE-Rate of 6.6, which was above the countywide rate of 5.9. Four communities generated more than 1,000 psychiatric emergency calls each: the Hollywood area (1,382), the Echo Park area (1,250), the Highland Park area (1,199), and the Downtown area (1,774). The Downtown area had the highest MHE-Rate recorded in the County, 13.2.

Service Area 5: West

Service Area 5 had the fewest emergency

Table 3.50
Countywide Summary:
Mental Health Emergencies

Service Area	Total	MH E-rate
1	3425	9.4
2	10527	5.1
3	8723	5.0
4	7435	6.6
5	2697	4.5
6	8335	8.2
7	7200	6.9
8	9199	7.4
Total	57541	5.9

calls placed in the county and it also had the lowest MHE-Rate of 4.5. The bulk of the calls came from two areas: West LA (898) and Santa Monica-Culver City-Beverly Hills (868). The Baldwin Hills W. area had the highest MHE-Rate (8.7) in the service area.

Service Area 6: South

Service Area 6 had the second-highest MHE-Rate (8.2) across the county. Two communities, the Baldwin Hills S. area (1,574) and the Hancock N. area (1,624), had more than 1,500 calls; two other areas had over 1,000 calls: the Watts area (1,290) and the Compton area (1,176). Three of the five highest MHE-Rates across the county were found in Service Area 6: the USC S. area (10.7), the Baldwin Hills S. area (11.9), and the Hancock N. area (10.9).

Service Area 7: East

Service Area 7 had a MHE-Rate that reached 6.9 and was above the countywide rate of 5.9 by a full call. No one community reached the 1,000 call mark, but there were many com-

Table 3.51
Service Area Communities::
Mental Health Emergencies

Service Area 1 Communities	Total	MH E-rate
Lancaster	1663	12.4
Palmdale	1023	7.1
North County E.	739	8.5
Total	3425	9.4
Service Area 2 Communities		
Santa Clarita	433	2.6
Burbank	404	4.0
Glendale	769	3.9
Northridge	771	4.6
Granada Hills	973	7.2
Pacoima-Arleta	862	7.4
La Tuna Cyn.	864	6.5
Panorama City	795	5.5
North Hollywood	1008	7.5
Sherman Oaks	1279	7.7
Encino	898	5.5
Woodland Hills	692	4.3
Brentwood N.	310	3.6
North County W.	123	1.9
La Canada-Flintridge	80	2.0
San Fernando-Calabasas-Agoura	267	2.8
Total	10527	5.1
Service Area 3 Communities		
Pasadena	818	6.2
El Monte	790	7.2
Pomona	864	5.4
West Covina	468	4.0
Altadena-Monrovia-Sierra Madre	759	7.0
Alhambra-S. Pasadena	501	4.9
Arcadia-San Gabriel-Temple City-San Marino	536	3.2
Baldwin Park-Azusa-Duarte	772	4.3
Glendora-Claremont-San Dimas-La Verne	1013	6.6
Covina-Walnut	548	4.9
Diamond Bar	253	2.3
La Puente-S. El Monte	553	5.1
Hacienda Heights	181	3.3
Monterey Park-Rosemead	664	5.4
Other	4	
Total	8723	5.0

munities that had several hundred calls placed. The Norwalk area (7.9), Bellflower area (6.7), and the Whittier area (6.7) had the

Service Area 4 Communities	Total	MH E-rate
Wilshire La Brea E.	730	5.1
Hollywood	1382	5.6
Pico Heights	727	5.9
Echo Park	1250	6.1
Highland Park	1199	5.5
Downtown	1774	13.2
USC N.	136	6.6
West Adams	73	8.1
West Hollywood	156	4.3
Other	10	
Total	7435	6.6
Service Area 5 Communities		
Brentwood S.	146	1.9
West LA	898	5.1
Wilshire La Brea W.	192	7.4
Baldwin Hills W.	120	8.7
Playa Vista	432	3.9
Santa Monica-Culver City-Beverly Hills	868	5.0
Malibu	40	2.1
Other	3	
Total	2697	4.5
Service Area 6 Communities		
USC S.	744	10.7
Baldwin Hills S.	1574	11.9
Hancock N.	1624	10.9
USC E.	828	6.7
Watts	1290	8.0
Florence-Firestone	299	3.2
Lynwood	383	5.0
Paramount	296	5.1
Compton	1176	7.8
Other	122	•
Total	8335	8.2

Service Area 7 Communities	Total	MH E-rate
East LA	680	5.3
Downey	723	6.4
Norwalk	820	7.9
Whittier	777	6.7
Montebello	731	5.5
Bell Gardens-Bell-Maywood-Cudahy- Commerce	857	6.1
Huntington Park	314	5.8
South Gate	363	3.6
Bellflower	505	6.7
La Mirada-Santa Fe Springs	660	5.1
Lakewood-Cerritos-Artesia-Hawaiian Gar- dens	675	3.9
Signal Hill	27	2.4
Other	68	
Total	7200	6.9
Service Area 8 Communities		
Hancock S.	65	7.5
Wilmington	1433	8.2
Inglewood	833	6.7
Torrance	671	4.9
Long Beach N.	992	6.9
Long Beach S.	1787	9.2
Long Beach E.	483	3.8
Carson	768	6.9
Palos Verdes-Lomita	249	2.3
Redondo-Manhattan-Hermosa-El Segundo	352	2.7
Gardena-Lawndale	939	6.5
Hawthorne	600	4.2
Other	25	
Total	9199	7.4
County Total	57541	5.9

highest MHE-Rates in the service area.

Service Area 8: South Bay

Service Area 8 had an overall MHE-Rate of 7.4, above the countywide rate of 5.9. Two communities were notable for their high call volumes and correspondingly high MHE-

1,	500 -999	2,	> 10/1000
	1000 -1500		
	> 1500		

Rates: the Wilmington area had a call volume of 1,433 and a MHE-Rate of 8.2; the Long Beach S. area had a call volume of 1,787 (the highest count in the county) and a MHE-Rate of 9.2.